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Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Requested by Representative Edith Clark

For the House Committee on Appropriations

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REVISED

1. Page B-6, line 1.

Strike: "134,719,465" [general fund FY09]

Insert: "133,854,465" [general fund FY09]

2. Page B-7.

Following: line 22

Insert: "m. Healthcare for Healthcare Workers (Restricted)

865,000 [general fund FY09]

1,881,904" [federal special revenue FY09]

3. Page B-15.

Following: line 4

Insert: "Healthcare for Healthcare Workers may be used only for provider rate increases for contractors that provide in-home services administered by the senior and long-term care division and receive the majority of their income for those services from the medicaid program."

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This amendment reduces \$865,000 general fund in FY09 from the Health Resources Division and increases the Senior and Long Term Care Division FY09 general fund appropriation by the same amount. The funding will support provider rate increases for health insurance for about 1,700 persons who work for 30 hours or more per week providing direct health care to persons in their homes beginning January 1, 2009.

The general fund reduction in Health Resources Division is due to expansion of Indian Health Services (IHS) provision of medical services for Medicaid eligible Tribal persons. IHS Medicaid services are reimbursed 100 percent from federal funds, while state plan services provided to Tribal members is matched about 31.45 percent from the general fund. The IHS service expansion that is federally funded offsets the general fund cost of state plan services.

The 2005 Legislature funded 1.00 new FTE to assist Tribes in expanding federally reimbursed IHS services. The FTE is filled and continues during the 2009 biennium.